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1) A.N.P. (DUTCH NATIONAL PRESS AGENCY) APRIL 15
AFTERNOON BULLETIN SAID IN A STORY FROM THE HAGUE
THAT U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. HAS GIVEN G.O.N. ALL LOCKHEED
DOCUMENTS IT HAS RELATED TO THE NETHERLANDS.

2) TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN THE NETHERLANDS
GOVERNMENT ALL INFORMATION IT HAS ON ALLEGED ILLEGAL
SALES ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION
IN THE NETHERLANDS, A DUTCH EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN
WASHINGTON SAID LAST NIGHT.

THE SPOKESMAN HAD BEEN ASKED BY TELEPHONE WHETHER HE
COULD CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL RICHARD L. THORNBURGH, IN CHARGE OF THE CRIMINAL
DIVISION, HAD TRANSMITTED THE INFORMATION TO THE
NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

MR. THORNBURGH SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT "THE ITEMS

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TRANSMITTED INCLUDED MATERIALS PROVIDED TO US BY OTHER

EXECUTIVE AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT".

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE NETHERLANDS ADDITIONAL RELEVANT MATERIALS CONCERNING THIS MATTER AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED BY OUR OWN INVESTIGATIONS OR ARE PROVIDED TO US BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND BODIES", MR. THORNBURGH ADDED. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RECENTLY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION IN THEIR INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED LOCKHEED BRIBES OF OFFICIALS IN EFFORTS TO SELL PLANES TO THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT. LOCKHEED HAS ADMITTED TO U.S. SENATE HEARINGS THAT IT PAID 22 MILLION DOLLARS IN BRIBES TO PROMOTE SALES OF ITS PLANES IN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE NETHERLANDS, JAPAN AND ITALY.

THE INFORMATION HANDED OVER TO THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WAS TODAY PASSED ON TO THE DONNER COMMISSION OF THREE WISE MEN WHICH IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS THAT ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE LOCKHEED MONEY WAS PRINCE BERNHARD. THE COMMISSION TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE: "THE COMMISSION OF THE THREE RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THIS MORNING WHICH WERE HANDED OVER TO THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BY THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE AFOREMENTIONED DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION OF THE THREE ON MARCH 29, 1976;

"IT CONCERNS MATERIALS FROM:

- A) THE SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS (THE SO-CALLED CHURCH COMMITTEE),
- B) THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

"BOTH COMMISSIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE HEREWITH HANDED OVER ALL THE MATERIALS NOW IN THEIR POSSESSION WITH RESPECT TO THE SALES ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION IN THE NETHERLANDS.

"HOWEVER, ANY SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE" (END TEXT)

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